

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 Case No. 2:19-cv-00267-JAD-DJA

4 WILBERT BRYANT,
5 Plaintiff

6 v.

Order Dismissing Action and
Closing Case

7 CLARK COUNTY, et al.,
8 Defendants

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10 Plaintiff Wilbert Bryant, who is currently incarcerated in Utah, brings this civil-rights
11 action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, claiming that his constitutional rights were violated while he was
12 a pretrial detainee at the Clark County Detention Center (CCDC). Bryant applies to proceed *in*
13 *forma pauperis*. Based on the information he has supplied about his financial status, I find that
14 Bryant is not able to pay an initial installment payment toward the full filing fee under 28 U.S.C.
15 § 1915, so I grant his request.¹ This means that he will not be required to prepay the filing fee,
16 but he remains responsible for paying the full \$350.00 filing fee in payments when he has funds
17 available.

18 That obligation to pay the full filing fee remains in force even though the court is now
19 dismissing this case. On September 18, 2019, I issued an order dismissing his first amended
20 complaint with leave to file a second amended complaint by October 18, 2019.² That deadline
21 expired without a second amended complaint or a request to extend the deadline to file it. The
22 court expressly warned Bryant in bold type that if he failed to file an amended complaint by that
23 deadline, “**this action will be dismissed.**”³

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25 ¹ ECF No. 5.

26 ² ECF No. 10 at 13.

27 ³ *Id.* (emphasis original).
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1 District courts have the inherent power to control their dockets and “[i]n the exercise of
2 that power, they may impose sanctions including, where appropriate . . . dismissal” of a case.⁴ A
3 court may dismiss an action with prejudice based on a party’s failure to prosecute an action,
4 failure to obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules.⁵ In determining whether to
5 dismiss an action for lack of prosecution, failure to obey a court order, or failure to comply with
6 local rules, the court must consider several factors: (1) the public’s interest in expeditious
7 resolution of litigation; (2) the court’s need to manage its docket; (3) the risk of prejudice to the
8 defendants; (4) the public policy favoring disposition of cases on their merits; and (5) the
9 availability of less drastic alternatives.⁶

10 I find that the first two factors—the public’s interest in expeditiously resolving the
11 litigation and the court’s interest in managing the docket—weigh in favor of dismissing this case.
12 The risk-of-prejudice factor also weighs in favor of dismissal because a presumption of injury
13 arises from the occurrence of unreasonable delay in filing a pleading ordered by the court or
14 prosecuting an action.⁷ The fourth factor is greatly outweighed by the factors in favor of
15 dismissal, and a court’s warning to a party that his failure to obey the court’s order will result in
16 dismissal satisfies the consideration-of-alternatives requirement.⁸ Plaintiff was expressly warned

18 ⁴ *Thompson v. Hous. Auth. of City of Los Angeles*, 782 F.2d 829, 831 (9th Cir. 1986).

19 ⁵ See *Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53–54 (9th Cir. 1995) (dismissal for noncompliance with
20 local rule); *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1260–61 (9th Cir. 1992) (dismissal for failure to
21 comply with an order requiring amendment of complaint); *Carey v. King*, 856 F.2d 1439, 1440–
22 41 (9th Cir. 1988) (dismissal for failure to comply with local rule requiring pro se plaintiffs to
23 keep court apprised of address); *Malone v. U.S. Postal Service*, 833 F.2d 128, 130 (9th Cir.
24 1987) (dismissal for failure to comply with court order); *Henderson v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421,
25 1424 (9th Cir. 1986) (dismissal for lack of prosecution and failure to comply with local rules).

26 ⁶ *Thompson*, 782 F.2d at 831; *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1423–24; *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 130;
27 *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1260–61; *Ghazali*, 46 F.3d at 53.

28 ⁷ See *Anderson v. Air West*, 542 F.2d 522, 524 (9th Cir. 1976).

⁸ *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1262; *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 132–33; *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1424.

1 that his case would be dismissed if he failed to file an amended complaint by the court-ordered
2 deadline.⁹

3 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's application to proceed in forma
4 pauperis without having to prepay the full filing fee [ECF No. 5] is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff need
5 not pay an initial installment fee, but he remains obligated to pay the full \$350.00 filing fee over
6 time. To ensure that payment, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2) that
7 the Utah Department of Corrections must pay to the Clerk of the United States District Court,
8 District of Nevada, 20% of the preceding month's deposits to the account of Wilbert Bryant,
9 #89960, in the months that the account exceeds \$10.00, until the full \$350.00 filing fee has been
10 paid for this action.

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **this action is DISMISSED** without prejudice.

12 The Clerk of Court is directed to ENTER JUDGMENT accordingly, CLOSE THIS
13 CASE, and SEND a copy of this order to the attention of Brian Allgaier, Offender Accounting
14 14717 South Minuteman Dr., Draper, Utah, 84020.

15 Dated: October 29, 2019

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17 U.S. District Judge Jennifer A. Dorsey
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28 ⁹ ECF No. 10 at 13.